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2014 National Black History: "Civil Rights In America"



Civil Rights Victories

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signed the historic **Civil Rights Act**, which banned discrimination in employment, public accommodations and other aspects of life. King attended the signing of the act into federal law (pictured). He continued to press for a law to ensure that blacks could not be denied the right to vote by discriminatory practices such as literacy tests, and in 1965, Johnson signed the **Voting Rights Act**. King received the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts in 1964, which he accepted on behalf of everyone who was part of the civil rights movement.

Source: <http://goo.gl/vxi4GM>

Overview

The history of civil rights in the United States is largely the story of free people of color and then African Americans to define and enumerate what rights pertain to citizens in civil society. It has been the history of enlisting political parties to recognize the need for our governments, state and federal, to codify and protect those rights. Through the years, people of African descent have formed organizations and movements to promote equal rights.

In the modern era, America's greatest advocates of social

justice Frederick Douglass, W. E. B. Du Bois, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Fanny Lou Hamer are associated with the struggle for civil rights.

Into the 21st Century

In the early 21st century the ascent to the U.S. presidency of an African American, Barack Obama, seemed to reflect a transformation of American society with ramifications for the civil rights movement. Jesse Jackson in his own landmark campaigns for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1984 and 1988 had reached beyond the effort to mobilize African American voters and attempted to fashion a "Rainbow Coalition" of "red, yellow, brown, black, and white" Americans. Obama—whose father was a black Kenyan and mother a white American—presented a life story grounded in a search for a satisfactory racial identity. Ultimately, Obama's approach to the world and, arguably, his appeal to many voters were transracial, grounded in a sophisticated understanding of the complex nature of racial identity that was no longer merely dichotomous (simply a matter of black or white). Given the deeply rooted racial conflicts of the American past, however, it is unlikely that Obama's election signaled the start of a postracial era without divisive racial issues and controversies.

Excerpted from:

- ◆ Association for the Study of African American Life and History at <http://goo.gl/6GGO70>
- ◆ American Civil Rights Movement from Encyclopedia Britannica at <http://goo.gl/l7lkA8>

Related Links

- ◆ President Obama's Black History Month Presidential Proclamation 2014 | <http://goo.gl/PT2buR>
- ◆ African American History Month from Library of Congress | <http://goo.gl/g7Si7>
- ◆ Black History Month from eLibraryUSA Database | <http://goo.gl/glyqD6>
- ◆ EJJUSA: Race Forward- A New Generation Celebrates Black History | <http://goo.gl/wbGiP9>
- ◆ EJJUSA: Free At Last: The U.S. Civil Rights Movement | <http://goo.gl/sD0bhr>
- ◆ EJJUSA: Making Their Mark: Black Women Leaders | <http://goo.gl/dfhLjA>

Presidents Day: Honoring U.S. Presidents Washington and Lincoln

Washington's Birthday is a U.S. federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday of February in honor of George Washington, the first president of the United States. Increasingly, the holiday has become an occasion to celebrate the birthdays of both President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln. Many Americans call the holiday Presidents Day.

Learn more on President Day from IIP Pamphlet at <http://goo.gl/5SknBO> and Celebrate! Holidays in the U.S.A. <http://goo.gl/v2m3UV>



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Fulbright offers competitive, merit-based grants for Students, Scholars, Teachers, Professionals, and Groups. Grants are available for U.S. citizens to go abroad and for foreign (non-U.S.) citizens to come to the U.S.

Fulbright Program Deadlines Master's Degree Program

- ◆ Fulbright Master's Degree Program: April 15, 2014
- ◆ Fulbright Freeport Master's Degree and PhD Program: April 15, 2014
- ◆ Fulbright Master of Science & Technology Initiative Degree Program: April 15, 2014

Doctoral Degree Program

- ◆ Fulbright Ph.D. Degree Program: April 15, 2014

Research Program

- ◆ Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Program: April 15, 2014
- ◆ Fulbright Senior Research Program: August 31, 2014

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- ◆ DIKTI funded Fulbright Senior Research Program: August 31, 2014

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- ◆ Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program: April 15, 2014
- ◆ Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship for Mid-career Professionals: April 15, 2014
- ◆ ILEP/IREX Teacher Exchange Program: 15 April 2014
- ◆ Global UGrad Exchange Program: November 1, 2014
- ◆ Community College Summit Initiative Program: November 1, 2014

Get detailed-info about the scholarship eligibility as well as the application form at: <http://goo.gl/y3y7bZ>

DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL SOCIETY

1. Democracy Man: The Life and Work of Robert A. Dahl. By Ian Shapiro. Foreign Affairs, February 12, 2014.

Robert Dahl died on February 5 at the age of 98. He might well have been the most important political scientist of the last century, and he was certainly one of its preeminent social scientists. He received strings of awards and honorary degrees, including the first Johan Skytte Prize, created in 1995 to remedy the lack of a Nobel Prize for Political Science. Citations to Dahl's work run to the tens of thousands, dwarfing those of his contemporaries. Many leaders of the profession today were his students. Full text is available at the IRC

2. The Next Democratic Century. By: Larry Diamond. Current History, January 2014.

This is an odd moment to predict a bright future for democracy. Despite the unprecedented expansion of political freedom during the three decades

from 1974, democratic regimes are in trouble worldwide today. The past decade has witnessed democratic breakdowns at a growing pace, and levels of freedom have receded in many places. Autocrats are cooperating and innovating to preempt movements for democratic change. The world's oldest and most esteemed democracies, beginning with the United States, have lost their luster and (it seems) their capacity to function effectively to address their most important public policy challenges. Still, no other broadly legitimate form of government exists today, and authoritarian regimes face profound challenges and contradictions that they cannot resolve without ultimately moving toward democracy. Full text is available at the IRC.

3. State Dept. Facts on U.S.-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting. IIP Digital, February 2014.

Secretary Kerry and Indonesian

Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa co-chaired the fourth Joint Commission Meeting of the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership. Entering its fourth year, the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership has elevated and expanded our bilateral relationship by intensifying consultations and cooperation on key bilateral, regional, and global issues. The Joint Commission Meeting sets the strategic direction for cooperation under the Comprehensive Partnership and reviews progress on our key priorities. Over the last year, our partnership with Indonesia continued to expand into new areas and deepen cooperation on ongoing priorities. Six working groups met throughout the year to coordinate strategies and advance policy initiatives under the three main pillars of the Comprehensive Partnership: political and security; economic and development; and socio-cultural, education, science, and technology. Read more: <http://goo.gl/Dgx5Bw>

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

4. The Great Story. By Dean Starkman. Columbia Journalism Review, January 2014.

In the run-up to the Great Recession, accountability journalism saw the story that access journalism missed. The US business press failed to investigate and hold accountable Wall Street banks and major mortgage lenders in the years leading up to the financial crisis of 2008. That's why the crisis came as such a shock to the public and

to the press itself. And that's the news about the news. Read more at <http://goo.gl/MwxcYd>

5. 'Notorious Markets' List Focuses Fight Against Global Piracy. IIP Digital, February 2014

USTR Michael Froman announced February 12 the findings of the 2013 Out-of-Cycle Review of Notorious Markets, which identifies markets around the world that harm businesses and undermine workers

through the infringement of intellectual property rights (IPR). The annual review identifies both online and physical marketplaces engaging in commercial-scale IPR infringement. Publication of this report helps the United States and its trade partners prioritize enforcement of the intellectual property rights that protect job-supporting innovation and creativity around the world. Read more at <http://goo.gl/MQOBEI>

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

6. Combating Wildlife Trafficking: Respect and Protect. IIP Digital Pamphlet, February 2014.

Illicit trade in threatened and endangered species is a multi-billion-dollar business, and the increasingly intense demand for products derived from Africa's and South Asia's iconic land animals — elephants, rhinoceroses and tigers — threatens peace and security in both regions. Loss of biodiversity affects freshwater supplies and food production, and it robs local communities of economic resources. In developing countries, rural families often depend on local wild animals and plants for economic needs.

Read more: <http://goo.gl/JwIAqS>

7. In Indonesia, Kerry Urges Global Action to Halt Climate Change. By Merle David Kellerhals Jr. IIP Digital, 16 February 2014

Washington — Secretary of State John Kerry told an Indonesian audience that the threat of climate change is real and that the cost of inaction outweighs the expense of investing in solutions. Climate change, Kerry said, is as much a threat to global security and prosperity as is terrorism, epidemics, poverty, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. The impact on economies, the environment and human life grows at staggering rates with little chance now of it ending or slowing because of inaction, he added. Read more at <http://goo.gl/ZCi7G7>

8. Kerry Remarks in Indonesia on Climate Change. Remark by Secretary of State John Kerry. February 16, 2014

It's really a pleasure for me to be able to be back in Jakarta, back in Indonesia, where you have one of the richest ecosystems

on Earth. And you live in a country that is at the top of the global rankings for both marine and terrestrial biodiversity, and you have a human ecosystem that includes some 300 ethnic groups, speaking at least 700 languages — extraordinary place. But because of climate change, it is no secret that today, Indonesia is also one of the most vulnerable countries on Earth. This year, as Secretary of State, I will engage in a series of discussions on the urgency of addressing climate change — particularly on the national security implications and the economic opportunities. And I want you to think about those. But I wanted to start right here, in Jakarta, because this city — this country — this region — is really on the front lines of climate change. Read more:

<http://goo.gl/kjkAZX>



Secretary Kerry in Indonesia, February 2014

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry travelled to Seoul, Beijing, Jakarta, and Abu Dhabi on February 13-18 to meet with senior government officials and address a range of bilateral, regional, and global issues. This is the fifth trip to Asia for the Secretary in the past year. While in Jakarta, the Secretary reiterated that the United States values Indonesia's growing leadership on global challenges and looks forward to continue working with Indonesia on issues including climate change, security, democracy, regional integration, and human rights. He co-chaired the Joint Commission Meeting under the U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership. He also underlined the importance of U.S. engagement with Asia's multilateral institutions when he met the ASEAN Secretary General.

On February 16, Secretary Kerry highlighted the shared challenges facing the U.S., Indonesia, and the world because of climate change during a speech at @america in Jakarta. The recorded February 16 event is accessible at <http://goo.gl/7QvVa8>

Explore more details on Secretary Kerry's travel in Indonesia from U.S. Embassy Jakarta website at: <http://goo.gl/vLE2rY>

ALL ABOUT AMERICA

9. How to Save Marriage in America. Atlantic Monthly, February 2014.

What's happening to American matrimony? In 1960, more than 70 percent of all adults were married, including nearly six in ten twenty something. Half a century later, just 20 percent of 18-29-year olds were hitched in 2010. Marriage was the norm for young America. Now it's the exception. American marriage is not dying. But it is undergoing a metamorphosis, prompted by a transformation in the economic and social status of women and the virtual disappearance of low-skilled male jobs. The old form of

marriage, based on outdated social rules and gender roles, is fading. A new version is emerging—egalitarian, committed, and focused on children. Read more: <http://goo.gl/OjlaJF>

10. How to Get the Edge on Technology Access. By Larra Clark and Mary Hirsh. American Libraries, January 2014

A benchmarking initiative for public libraries launches across the US. Two years ago, New Braunfels (Tex.) Public Library Director Gretchen Pruett faced a challenge many of her colleagues can identify with. "We were getting pushback from the city's information technology

department. They were saying we should be able to make do with the amount of bandwidth we had, and I really had no evidence to show why we needed more. That was the attitude before Edge." Pruett is speaking of her library's experience with the Edge Initiative, a management and leadership tool library staff can use to evaluate and strengthen public access technology services to achieve community goals. The Edge Initiative, often referred to simply as the Edge, will begin a nationwide rollout in January. Pruett's library was one of the first early adopters. Full text is available at the IRC

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IRC's American Film Showcase Programs



On February 3-13, 2014, IRC hosted the American Film Showcase (AFS) 2014 event featuring documentary movies on themes about Women and Girl's Empowerment; Youth Outreach and Empowerment; Diversity and Civil Society. Groups of students, NGOs, journalists and the general public attending the following screening 1) 45365, 2) Lives Worth Living, 3) Page One: Inside the New York Times, 4) G-Dog, 5) Mondays at Racine, 6) Trash Dance, 7) Zero Percent and 8) Innocent. Freida Mock, Academy Award and Emmy Award winning filmmaker as well as the director of G-Dog led the discussion afterwards the G-Dog screening.

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